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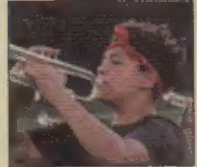


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Elba Theatre receives \$25,000 check from Fox Theatre Institute

by Jack West, Intern

The historic Elba Theatre received a breath of new life on Friday, July 19, as Restoration 154 board members accepted a \$25,000 grant to continue remodeling the once neglected downtown building.

According to board member Justin Maddox, Restoration 154 is a non-profit organization that funds community projects around Elba. He said the organization bought the theatre back in 2011 and has been working to renovate it since.

Restoration 154 began working with the Fox Theatre Institute [FTI] in 2018, when the FTI hosted a workshop in Elba.

"We decided to lead a workshop here about a year ago," said Leigh Burns, director of FTI. "Then, this past year they [Restoration 154] applied for a grant, and we did fund it."

During the presentation ceremony, Burns said this is the first time her organization has awarded a grant to a theatre outside of Georgia,

where the Fox Theatre is located.

"For us, one of the big factors was that they had

public and private partnerships," Burns said. "Not only did they have private money, but they had public

money. There's also a great deal of community enthusiasm from the mayor and the council and from Main

Street."

Maddox said Restoration 154's pitch for the grant centered around the theatre's cultural and historical value.

"We told them about the historic significance of the theater which is something we want to embrace," he said.

Maddox talked about the hard times the theatre and Elba have already endured. Specifically, he said that the three floods in the last 30 years had each damaged the town and its historic theatre.

"This theatre saw all that, and it has been used for storage for years," Maddox said. "Bringing it back as a community facility or cultural arts facility, giving people a place to come and spend time together right here in downtown is an exciting thought."

According to Maddox this \$25,000 will be spent on structure reinforcement and basic utilities like electricity and air conditioning. In Restoration 154's plan, this is phase one.

"Phase one will show us a functioning, usable building," Maddox said. "We'll

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Representatives of the Fox Theatre Institute [FTI] came to Elba last Friday, July 19, to deliver a \$25,000 check to the Elba Theatre, a renovation project being headed by Restoration 154. Leigh Burns, director of FTI, said the grant check to the Elba Theatre marked the first time FTI had funded a project outside of Georgia. Plans for the grant monies are to use the funds for structure reinforcement and basic utilities for the downtown Elba building.



A vote by the Elba City Council during Monday night's meeting moves a proposed paving project for Hawkins-Williams Park one step closer to reality. Much of the recreation park's parking lot and entrance road are in shambles and show that attention to paving has become a must for the outdoor recreation park.

Elba City Council takes step forward with paving project for Hawkins-Williams Recreation Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Hawkins-Williams Park, the recreation area that houses baseball/softball fields, a playground, and archery range for the City of Elba, got one step closer Monday night, July 22, to better access into the park and parking.

The Elba City Council voted unanimously to enter into a contract with Southern Engineering Solutions of Andalusia, Ala. to allow that company to solicit bids and quotes for the paving of the Hawkins-Williams entrance and parking lot. The approved contract with Southern Engineering included \$18,000 for engineering design services on this project as well as another \$10,000 for other consultation expenses associated with the project as it continues.

All council members were present with the exception of District One councilperson Rolanda Jones.

After several discussions on the matter for the past few months, the council also voted Monday night to move forward with fulfilling the city's need of a new garbage truck.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said the city had most recently been in discussions with the City of Opp regarding its trucks, and Opp had recommended a consultant to look at Elba's actual needs for the new truck to best suit its purposes and

Elba PD continues to experience 'revolving door' for employees

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, July 22, Police Lt. Russ Young reported the loss of another officer to the county sheriff's office.

Recently, Chief Leslie Hussey had announced the hire of a new dispatcher to assist the department, but Young reported Monday night that the new dispatcher already had left the department. He said family matters was the reason behind this loss.

Young said the dispatcher has a sick child, and she decided it best to stay at home to look after that child.

Young also said the department had lost another officer to the sheriff's department since the last report to council members. This continues to be a re-

volving issue as the county appears offer a better pay/benefits package for officers.

Young did note, however, that paperwork had been filed this week to rehire a former Elba Police Officer interested in returning to the department. He said once all paperwork is completed that Officer Van Simmons should return to duty in Elba.

Also, he said the department is looking at sending two new recruits to the police academy in September. Should those two recruits complete the academy and no other officers leave the department, Young said that would finally have the department at minimum capacity for a full staff for the first time in a long while.

give the city its best option for use as long as possible.

After looking into suggestions made by the consultant, Murdock said the city had found a garbage truck that could be purchased on the national bid list from the HGAC cooperative purchasing program for right at \$200,000. He said this truck would have a body built with better quality steel than previous trucks the city has owned, according to the specifications of the truck.

Murdock said garbage trucks had been lasting approximately five years for the city before needing to be replaced, and he hoped this new truck with the sturdier build would last even longer.

Council members approved a motion to allow the mayor to enter into an agreement with HGAC to purchase a garbage truck not to exceed \$200,340.

The mayor said it would take approximately 90 days

Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday brings shoppers to Elba's retail stores looking for clothes, supplies & more

by Jack West, Intern

There may not have been many chestnuts roasting over an open fire, sleigh bells ring-ting-ling or even a partridge in a pear tree, but for many businesses, this past weekend's tax-free holiday was like a Christmas in July.

The weekend, which lasted from Friday, July 19, through Sunday, July 21, was Alabama's 14th annual tax-free weekend for back-to-school items. This state-sponsored sale included backpacks, tennis shoes, pencils, clothes, and everything else that students and teachers need to start the new year.

Dinah Coppage, owner of Kids-Teens-Moms Unlimited, said that for small businesses, tax-free weekend is as important as the holiday shopping near the end of the year.

"We had a huge, huge in-



Backpacks and lunch boxes were among the many items shoppers could purchase last weekend 'tax free' in Alabama as the state hosted the annual Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday.

crease," Coppage said. "Tax-free weekend, for us is very—it's like Black Friday

big."

Coppage's store sells a lot of clothing, and she said that a lot of the customers over the weekend were either kids needing new t-shirts and jeans or teachers filling their wardrobes for the new year. And many of those customers were from out of state.

"We pulled in tons of traffic from other towns," Coppage said. "We saw people from as far as Georgia, Florida, and some came from the Auburn-Opelika area."

According to Coppage, the reason for the increase in sales over the weekend is pretty simple.

"They know they've got to buy it," she said. "So, they take advantage of not having to pay taxes on the stuff that they know they have to get anyway."

The back-to-school tax-free weekend has become such a huge retail sales weekend for Coppage that she extends her store hours throughout that weekend each year to give her customers more time to shop.

So, while tax-free weekend may not bring snow like the winter holidays do, it can help some local businesses make it rain.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WILL SPONSOR A RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE this Thursday, July 25 [today], from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 N Troy Hwy., Elba.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR ELBA HIGH SCHOOL

- On Monday, July 29, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., students in grades 7th and 8th will be able to pick up their class schedule and purchase lockers
- On Tuesday, July 30, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., students in grades 9th and 10th will be able to pick up their class schedule and purchase lockers
- On Wednesday, July 31, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., students in grades 11th and 12th will be able to pick up their class schedule, as well as, purchase lockers and parking decals.

**** All outstanding fees must be paid to pick up schedules or make purchases.**

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION will be Thursday, Aug. 1, at the school. Orientation for 1st and 2nd Grades will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. while orientation for 3rd - 6th Grades will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The first day of school for Elba students is Wednesday, Aug. 7th.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION will be Monday, Aug. 5, in the high school auditorium. Orientation for 7th - 9th Grades will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. while orientation for 10th - 12th Grades will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"You have achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you are doing is work or play." – Warren Beatty

The storm missed us last week and thankfully didn't do as much damage in Louisiana as had been feared. All of South Alabama needed the extra rain but neither we, nor anyone else, needed it in bunches like bananas. This summer will be drier than usual, we are told, and of course hotter. Yet if reading between the lines means anything, we don't expect the summer of 2019 in the Wiregrass to be a major disaster.

It has been 50 years since the Apollo landing on the moon July 20th, 1969! When someone said "50th anniversary of first moon landing" we had to count fingers on both hands – twice – to fully satisfy ourselves that it had really been 50 years. This backs up the often heard saying of, "Times flies when you are having fun." Each time we read something about that endeavor, some additional tidbit of information (although useless to us) crops up to help replay the build-up and the first moon walk. What awes us is trying to follow the technical planning, mapping and executing the flight pattern that flew a space ship from the surface of one fast moving planet (in Florida) to a pre-selected spot on the face of Ole Man Moon, another fast moving body in the vast universe.

Part of our amazement with the plotting of the travel path for the space ship springs from an earlier experience. In our previous life with the U. S. Army, helicopters were our breakfast, lunch and supper. A gig we had while in Europe was supporting the testing of what turned out to be American efforts for what we now know as GPS. However, there were no satellites, our toys worked off the stars – which didn't always be exactly where the book said it should be. That meant whatever was using that innocent box on the floor for directions was rarely exactly where it was supposed to be. With helicopters often landing in tight places, that was not good. The British had their answer to the direction finder, and we were testing it for weeks. One crew would go into the mountains on Monday morning and test until Wednesday, but another crew would bring in their equipment and test the rest of the week. Next week was the same. By then the British engineers had examined our data and had their excuses and answers for twice daily readings in the same spot usually being 20 to 100 feet apart! We later saw one of those boxes in Ft Rucker helicopters so someone must have figured out exactly where the stars were at any given time. We asked a couple of pointed questions about the equipment and the person leading the group of Elba folks around the base alerted and wanted to know the "whys and what for" a civilian knew to ask those questions. Even after hearing our background on the subject, they quickly moved on to another subject, so it must have still been officially a halfway secret project. Anyway, we are still in awe that anyone, any computer or any combination can chart such a perfect path.

'Til next week Drive Carefully!

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EDITORIAL

Local teenager bowls his way to national event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships Youth Bowling Event was held July 13-20 in Detroit, Michigan, and the local area was represented by an Elba teenager.

The Junior Gold Championships is the premier event for the nation's top youth bowlers, and they competed at this event for national titles in four age divisions – 12 and Under, 15 and Under, 17 and Under, and 20 and Under. The event was hosted by the City of Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission with over 4,000 competitors.

Elba's Drew Mack, a student at Zion Chapel High School, qualified on the state level to represent Alabama and the local area in the 15 and Under Competition. There were 715 competitors in this age division alone.

An humble 15-year-old, Drew Mack was excited for the opportunity to compete in this national competition but getting information out



of him regarding the competition is not that easy. He'd rather talk about the sights he saw while on the 9-day trip with his parents, Josh and Tammy Mack.

However, it was no small

feat for Drew to qualify for this national event, and he should be proud of his accomplishments. His local 'fan base' certainly was proud of him for the great representation he gave the

local area while in Michigan.

Drew opened the qualifying rounds and was in 595th place after day one; by Day 2 he had jumped up to his highest ranking at 441st place. Drew said he was most proud of his bowling on Day Two of the qualifying rounds, and he'd rather not talk about Day 3 and Day 4 of qualifying.

Drew ended up finishing 613th out of 715 bowlers in the 15 and Under age division, but the experience was far more important than the final ranking.

As the championships came to an end for Drew late last week, he said he did not bowl as well as he would have liked, but he said he was very thankful to everyone back home that had cheered him on in the competition.

It is not every day that someone competes in a national competition, and Drew Mack made the Elba and Zion Chapel communities proud! Congrats to him on a successful bowling season and best wishes for his future with the sport.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, July 15, and Sunday, July 21, made the following arrests: one for driving under the influence, one for shoplifting, one for possession of a forged instrument, one for domestic violence, four on warrants, two for manufacturing drugs, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for failure to appear.

There were two traffic citations and eight traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of July 15 – July 21.

MONDAY, JULY 15 – Officers met with a complainant at a residence on Neil Grantham Dr in reference to the homeowner advising someone was trespassing in his residence (5:02 a.m.); Officers were out at the Food Giant on Claxton Ave in reference to a shoplifter – one subject arrested for shoplifting (1:09 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Taylor Mill Rd in reference to a report of a juvenile on a golf cart on the roadway without light on – officers had negative contact (8:12 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Jackson St in

reference to a report of a possible domestic disturbance – advised there was no domestic disturbance and the subjects had left the area (8:28 p.m.); Officers checked on suspicious circumstances at a business on Old Curtis Rd – advised there was a damaged door and fence to the business (10:37 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 16 – Officers responded to a complaint of a fake bill at a business in the area of Claxton Ave (8:18 a.m.); Report of theft of property in area of Claxton Ave (2:39 p.m.); Officers responded to the report of stolen property at a residence on Highland Dr – the property was returned later on this date (3:21 p.m.); Report of a private property accident in the area of Highland Dr (4:32 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute at a residence on County Rd 401 – one arrest was made (5:55 p.m.); Report of a single vehicle accident in the area of Claxton Ave – vehicle struck a power pole (9:19 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 – Officers received a report of a theft from a yard on Cedar Lane Dr (4:32 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of children riding golf carts and 4-wheelers on Seminole Circle – officers made contact and advised the children to stay off the road (5:45 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of two vehicles blocking the road at Jones and Thomas streets – drivers were advised to

clear the roadway (8:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 18 – Officers responded to Guyton St to take a report on a missing juvenile (4:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on County Rd. 502 – two subjects were arrested for manufacturing – second degree (6:04 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Kendrick St (11:53 a.m.); Officers responded to complaint of vehicle trespassing on County Rd 244 – vehicle had left property before officers arrived (12:59 p.m.); A traffic stop on Hwy 203 resulted in an arrest on warrants (9:21 p.m.); Officers responded to Jones Circle to assist with a medical call (11:30 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 19 – Officers performed a traffic stop which resulted in two arrest – one on warrants and the other for attempting to elude and drug paraphernalia (12:09 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on Claxton Ave for a theft of property complaint (10:11 a.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 20 – Report of a verbal dispute at a residence on Farris Ave – one party left the scene (7:37 p.m.); Officers responded to the report of a domestic disturbance in the area of Hickman Ave (10:50 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 21 – Officers were out at Pea River Outdoors on Old Samson Rd with a suspicious male subject – officers advised it was a male transient subject in the bath-

room asleep and he was asked to leave (5:16 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Harper Dr in reference to a complaint of a subject making threats to a complainant (9:45 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on Hwy 203 in reference to a male subject trespassing (4:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence in the area of Hwy 84 and County Rd 263 in reference to a report of loud music – subjects were advised to turn music down (4:38 p.m.); Officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in area of 1000 Block of Claxton Ave – officers advised that one of the vehicles fled the scene (8:07 p.m.); Officers responded to area of Hwy 203 in reference to a motorist traveling the wrong way on roadway – officers advised it was an elderly subject (9:08 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Claxton Ave in reference to a report of possible shots fired in the area – officers advised it was subjects shooting fireworks and they were issued a verbal warning in reference to fireworks inside city limits (9:25 p.m.); Officers were approached by a vehicle traveling on Claxton Ave in reference to a possible domestic altercation in progress involving motorists – officers were assisted by the sheriff's department and advised a male subject was arrested by county units for DUI and a female subject was transported to her residence on Harper Dr (9:33 p.m.).

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before the truck would be ready, and at that time, the council would be asked to approve a funding agreement for the purchase.

Recent workshop discussions also led the council to make a decision Monday evening on directional/way-finding signage to be placed along gateways to the city. The mayor said the idea behind this signage would be to help people traveling through and to Elba to be able to find attractions, city/county offices, restaurants, etc. in the Elba.

Council member Gappa Wise said he felt Elba, being the size it is, might be better served if the council would use the money it was proposing to spend on the signs to focus on increasing Internet visibility on such travel sites as TripAdvisor and Yelp. Also, he said he thought utilizing billboards encouraging travel to Elba might better benefit the city as well.

Murdock said Wise made a valid point, and that he thought looking in to such actions might be something the Chamber of Commerce could do possibly.

"I just don't see getting that much benefit from these [directional] signs," Wise said.

Council member Jane Brunson said she felt at least some signage was needed.

Council member A.R. Williams made a motion with a second from Brunson to get a quote on Phase I and Phase II in the signage designs not to exceed \$15,000. This motion passed 4-1 with Williams, Brunson, council member Tom Maddox, and Mayor Murdock voting in favor. Wise voted no on this motion.

Another matter getting a move forward nod from the council during Monday

night's meeting was a downtown lights project, at least to the point of testing the idea to be sure it is something the city wants to do to make the downtown area more attractive.

The idea for this project is to have strands of lights flowing above the streets around the courthouse square from the courthouse side of the road to the merchant side in a 'V' pattern.

The mayor said it was estimated that one set of the lights to cover on side of the courthouse square would cost approximately \$2,700. To get the four sets to cover all sides of the square, the approximate cost would be \$10,800. He added that it had also been discussed to include the next block past the square to the area of the Methodist Church, and that would increase the overall cost to approximately \$16,000 for all.

Brunson made a motion with a second from Maddox to initially purchase one set [enough to cover one side of the square] for \$2,700, and for the idea to be evaluated further after getting those lights up to be sure it is something that all want to move forward with from that point.

This motion passed unanimously.

In looking at the city's financials Monday night, the mayor said he was well pleased with the report at this point in the fiscal year.

"Our revenues continue to do well this year," Murdock said. "A very positive number this report reflects is a 6 percent increase in sales tax revenue. That is a very optimistic number for us."

The Elba City Council will next meet Monday, Aug. 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall.

Coffee County Commissioners vote to continue support of Coffee County Community Corrections Program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, July 22, in New Brockton, Ala., commissioners heard an update on the Coffee County Community Corrections program.

Cheryl Leatherwood, director of the program, addressed commissioners and said the program, which now covers the counties of Dale, Coffee, Pike, Barbour, and Bullock currently has a total of 187 participants with 54 of those being in Coffee County. She said most of the cases the program deals with are drug-related.

The program offers inmates convicted of non-violent crimes an alternative to serving time in prison. Leatherwood said the pro-

gram's funding allows it to help the inmates while also helping the local corrections facilities.

"Just this week, we will be sending four people from Coffee County to Birmingham to receive treatment," Leatherwood said. "Drug treatment is hard, and 28-day programs are many times not enough. They need long term treatment and we can help get that for our participants."

Leatherwood said her only intent in addressing commissioners on Monday morning was to receive a letter of support from the commission for the Coffee County Community Corrections program so it could continue its services in the county.

Commissioners voted unanimously to continue supporting this program.

The Coffee County Commission next meets on Monday, Aug. 12, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JAMES RONALD WILLIAMS

Mr. James Ronald "Ronnie" Williams, age 78, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A private burial was held at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents Pauline and B.J. Williams, along with his siblings Nell Harvison, Charles D. Williams, and Jerry Williams.

Survivors include his sister-in-law: Karen Williams, Lynn Haven, Fla.; along with several nieces and nephews.

JOHNNY LEWIS DUNCAN

Mr. Johnny Lewis Duncan, age 50, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 2 p.m., at Brantley Baptist Church with Rev. Marcus Ramer officiating and Connie Banks delivering the eulogy. Burial will follow in Providence Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing. The family received friends at the funeral home Wednesday, July 24, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Duncan was preceded in death by his father, James A. Duncan, and his brother, Dave A. Duncan. Survivors include his three children: Rebeckah L. Duncan, Susan Marie Clark, and Jamison D. Clark; mother: Mary Horn Duncan; sister and brother-in-law: Amanda and Devorius Stroud; three nieces: Marley Fisher, Jaymie Duncan, and Chloe Duncan; three nephews: Kendale Duncan, Kenneth Duncan, and Johanthan Turnstall; Nana and Papa Ringer; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Active pallbearers will be Bobby Banks, Danny Killingsworth, Jamie Clark, Robert Clark, Reno Ringer, Johnny Senn, and Randall Glover.

BETTY JEAN DRIGGERS

Mrs. Betty Jean Driggers, age 82, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Friday, July 19, 2019, at Troy Health & Rehab in Troy, Ala.

Graveside services were held July 21, 2019 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Rev. Harry Driggers officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. The family asked those wishing to make memorials to do so to the Elba First Assembly of God missions fund, c/o 1320 Highland Drive, Elba, AL 36323.

Mrs. Driggers was preceded in death by her parents, Annie Bell Bradshaw and Louie C. Bradshaw, along with her husband, William Loyd Driggers.

Survivors include her daughter: Christina Jean (Jeffery) Wood, Coffee Springs, Ala.; sons: Michael William Driggers, Elba, and Jeffery Loyd Driggers (Tammy), Gantt, Ala.; grandsons: Rob (Savannah) Driggers, Savannah, Ga., Stephen Driggers (Megan), Kinston, Ala., and Jacob Wood, Coffee Springs; granddaughters: Cortnee (Clint) Pugh, Troy, and Hannah Wood, Coffee Springs; great-grandson: Luke Driggers, Kinston; great-granddaughter: Colin Pugh, Troy; along with her sister: Linda Pope, New Brockton, Ala.; and brothers: Eddie Bradshaw, Samson, Ala., and Jerry Bradshaw, Elba.

DIANE P. COLEMAN

Mrs. Diane P. Coleman, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 21, 2019, at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba.

On June 16, 1953 Dianne P. Coleman was born to Betty Jean Burks and Willie James Pruitt.

Dianne was preceded in death by her mother and father; sister - Betty Sams; two brothers - Timothy and Larry Burks; and grandson D'Undray Coleman.

Survivors include her three daughters: Tameka Adkins, Deanna (Paul) Hill, and Shanika Pruitt; three sons: Kevin Pruitt, Shawn Burks, and Dionne Pruitt; four grandchildren: Al-vonte, Kendall, Chase, and Ashlee; 10 great-grandchildren; eight brothers: Gary Burks, Randy Burks, Bobby Burks, Terry (Betty Ann) Burks, Tony Burks, Brian (Jackie) Burks, Bobby Ray (Mary) Burks, and James (Sharen) Burks; seven sisters including: Sandra Burks, Trice Burks, Cathy Locket, Linda Burks, Tammy Daniels, Betty Burks; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

EARIL MAE SINER

Earil Mae Siner, age 71, of Union, NJ died recently. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

STEVE JOHNSON

Mr. Steve Johnson, age 61, of Level Plains, Ala., died recently at his residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Bellwood Enterprise, Ala.

Mr. Johnson was born to Dozier and Emma Jewell Johnson of Enterprise. After high school he moved to Cleveland, Ohio and raised

a family. He returned home to Enterprise in April 1989.

Steve was preceded in death by his father and mother, two brothers, Arthur Williams Johnson and Jerry Wayne Seago; and two nephews, Joey Johnson and Darin Seago.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Ellen Johnson; son: Steve Maurice (Kindria) Johnson Jr., Akron, Ohio; sister: Emma Doris Seago; brothers: Joe W. (Sue) Johnson and Johnny C. (Carolyn) Johnson, all of Enterprise; stepson: Isaiha Renslen, Ozark, Ala.; step-daughter: Michelle Allen, Albuquerque, NM; three grandchildren: Jariah, Kaden, and Kacey, all of Akron; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

GLEN NEWTON VAUGHAN

Mr. Glen Newton Vaughan, age 85, of Dothan, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at Southeast Health in Dothan.

Memorial graveside services will be held Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 10 a.m., from Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Min. Steve Reneau officiating.

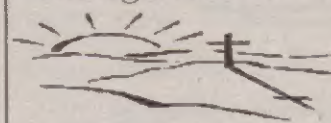
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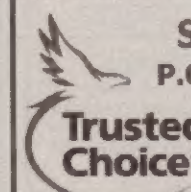
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The Water Works and Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton voted at the July 9th meeting to put in effect an odd/even watering ban. It is effective immediately and until further notice. All use of automatic irrigation systems and any type of lawn sprinkler shall comply with the odd/even watering system. Properties with even numbered addresses (312, 516, etc.) will be allowed to use irrigation systems and sprinklers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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Volunteer training set for Coffee County Master Gardener program

A Coffee County Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course will be held each Wednesday, Aug. 28 – Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

By taking the course participants will:

- Learn more about the care and maintenance of many types of plants
- Participate in a practical and intense training program
- Share knowledge with children and adults in the

community

• Complete 50 hours of volunteer service with the Alabama Extension System and Wiregrass Master Gardeners.

Cost for the course is \$150 per person. Applications must be received by Aug. 19th, and the class is limited to 35 students.

To register or for more information, call the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596 or email: lee0003@aces.edu

News Among Our Military

U.S. Air Force Airman Raven N. Diderok graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Diderok is the daughter of Veronica Downing and granddaughter of Judith



Airman Raven Diderok

Knight, both of New Brockton, Ala.

She is a 2016 graduate of New Brockton High School, New Brockton, Ala.

Damascus School alumni to hold reunion on August 10th

Former students of the long-closed Damascus school will be holding a reunion of August 10th. The event will be in the Damascus Senior Citizens Center, located on the former school site.

school are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will begin at 12 noon. The chicken and tea will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish. Call Mary Grider at 334 897-6406 with any questions.



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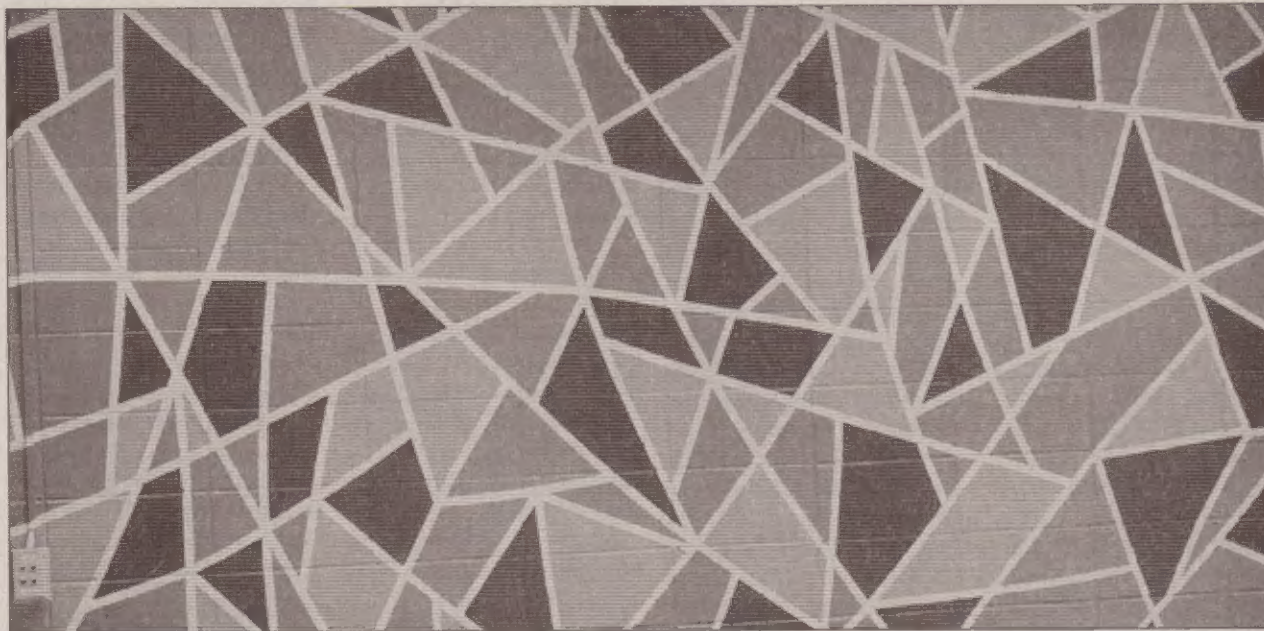
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This mural is painted on the wall in Phillip Smith's classroom to add to the 'fun dynamics' of his teaching approach to science with his students.

Elba High science teacher Phillip Smith finds different, creative ways to engage his students

by Jack West, Intern

Phillip Smith, a science teacher at Elba High School, spent most of his summer painting his new classroom. Inspirational quotes now line the walls, and his adjacent lab is covered with scientific equations and theories.

But before he mentioned any of his own work in this classroom, Smith brought out a small painted rock. It's smooth stone, and it fits easily into the palm of his hand. On one side, there is a little tree painted in front of a field of tiny stars. Smith said he had his students paint rocks near the end of the year last year, and that the instructions were simple.

"I just got them to paint a rock," he said. "That's the only instructions I gave them."

Some of the rocks are monochromatic; some just have names or slogans on them. Yet a few of them have been painted by students with meticulous brush-work. They are the result of focus, talent, and obvious skill.

According to Smith the rock with the tree was painted by a student who struggled occasionally in the classroom. She had to be reminded to pay attention in class. And Smith said this taught him something.

"They've all got talents," he said. "It doesn't have to be science."

For a long time, Smith, age 48, did not even use his talent for science.



Elba science teacher Phillip Smith working in his new classroom over the summer at Elba High School. The classroom is now adjacent to the new junior high science lab.

His first jobs out of college were in business management, specifically, restaurant management. Smith said he worked in the restaurant business for 15 years and didn't enjoy much of it. He was irritated by employees who would show up late, receive a warning, be late again and be confused as to why they were fired.

"Eventually my wife got tired of me coming home mad every day," Smith said. "She was like, 'Why don't you just go back to school and be a teacher like you wanted to a long time ago?'"

So, he went back to school. After graduating he began teaching in the Ozark City school system. A few years later Smith decided to take a job offer at Elba High School because it was a lot closer to where he lives. He was hired as a science

teacher for seventh through ninth grades and as a football and basketball coach.

This coming school year will be Smith's ninth year teaching, and his sixth year at Elba. This year he has also decided to resign from his coaching positions.

"Coaching is, to me, another way to reach kids, but my passion and everything is in the classroom," he said.

Judging by the work Smith has done to his physical classroom, that statement could almost be taken literally. By applying for and receiving grants, Smith has been able to buy paint, furniture and lab supplies for the upcoming year. Last year, he covered the walls of his lab with formulas, equations and a massive periodic table.

"I wanted stuff on the wall so that, if [the students] were just standing there looking around at stuff on the wall, they were taking something in that was science," Smith said.

Smith said when he was considering this job in Elba, the lab was a really important factor for him. He wanted to be able to give his students a place to do hands-on experiments and have fun with the material they were studying.

"It almost worked too good because they were so excited every time we went to lab that it's hard for them to get the lesson," he said.

To help future students work through this, Smith has started partnering with the science teachers at the elementary school to bring the younger students to the lab once a month. Then, by the time the students take Smith's class in the seventh grade, they already know what to do.

And that's just the lab.

The other half of Smith's science center is his classroom. Formerly the football team's film room, Smith moved into the room connected to his lab this year.

Now, fish tanks, inspirational messages, a few lava lamps and some bean bag chairs compliment the traditional desks and white board. According to Smith, the whole idea for the room is that it can change a class's dynamic.

"This classroom is supposed to be a lot about positive motivation," he said. "A lot of times in class, somebody's acting a-fool or something, you get on to

them, but the ones who are really doing what they are supposed to, you don't really say a whole lot to them because they're doing what they're supposed to."

The couches and bean bag chairs in the back of the room are flexible seating and are intended to be a reward for students who have at least a B in the class.

"It's supposed to be a positive reinforcement whereas we usually just use the negative," Smith said. "We'll see how that works out."

The largest message that Smith painted on the wall is what he calls his philosophy. It reads: "Get by or get better," and Smith said this is something he goes over with his students on day one.

"Every day, when you open your eyes, you have a decision to make," he said. "You can either get by or get better; that's it. I'm not talking about school; it could be anything. It could be personal life; it could be sports, academics, whatever. At the end of the day, when you go to bed, if you didn't get better at something, you just got by."

Right now, Smith is getting better at a lot of things.

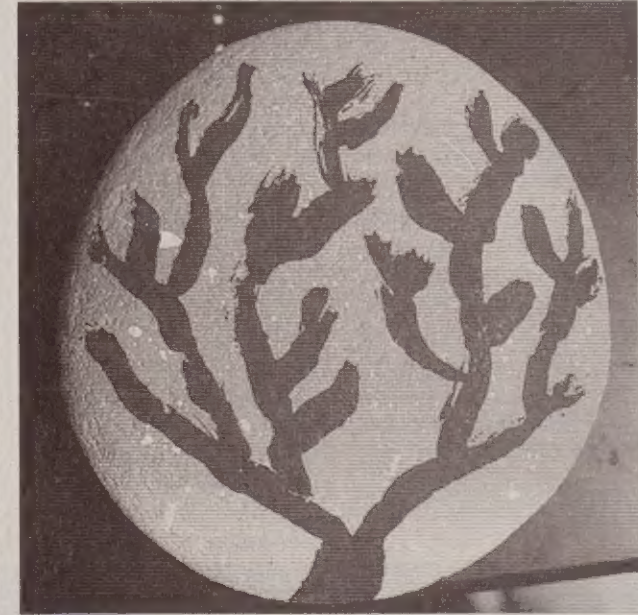
On top of his job as a teacher, Smith also runs marathons and is currently training for a triathlon. Both of his daughters got married last year, and he will soon be a grandfather.

"I try to give [my students] an example," he said. "I'm 48-years-old. Within the past year I've run like three marathons. I run spartan races, and it hurts the next day."

Not only that, Smith would also like to update the outdoor classroom already at the high school. He said that by installing solar panels, wind turbines and a small greenhouse it would give the students more opportunities to learn in a hands-on environment.

Ultimately, Smith said he is always looking for more ways to engage and excite his students.

"My real big pitch to them is to hang on because there's going to be something that you like," he said. "It's not all going to be figuring the distance and the speed and all that physics stuff, and it's not all the periodic table. But it is fun stuff. Sometimes it's just painting a rock."



This rock was painted by one of Smith's students in an assignment from him. He says it serves as a reminder to him that every student has talents and it does not always have to be science.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

ELDER JOHNATHAN LOCKETT
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1 Peter 5:8 KJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I find it troubling that in our culture today, we have not given ourselves much time to think deeply about thinking. We live in a very distracted environment that if not careful we can easily waste our lives not thinking about what is real and true. We live in a world that seeks to make our preoccupation one of images, videos, social networking and the list goes on. As a believer, have we given ourselves time to think clearly, free from the distractions of the world? Many of us have become numb to what actually lies behind the veil.

There is a world full of demonic opposition. And what has put a huge dent in the church is the distractions that cause us to see only what lies before us. There is literally an enemy of our faith and he is seeking to devour us all. Forgetting this and being preoccupied with other things than the things of God, will make the believer unaware and unable to be watchful. Especially when suffering.

However, the scriptures declares to be sober, meaning to be steady and clear-headed. To be vigilant, meaning watchful and on alert because the enemy desires to sift us as wheat. Stay on your post and don't become distracted by things that will keep you from seeing the bigger picture! He seeking someone he can destroy but if we watch and pray we will never be blind sided. So, let's bind together crossing racial and denominational lines and fight the enemy that's opposing the church and the people of God! We're in a war...let's prepare for battle!



Gospel concert set for Aug. 3rd at Country Cathedral

There will be a Country Cathedral Concert on Saturday, August 3, 2019, featuring the Longworth Family (shown above), Burning Bush Family, and Dyess Family. The Cathedral is located at U.S. Hwy 84 E. Opp, Ala. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Fun Day event set for July 27th at Mt. Gilead Church, Hwy. 87, Elba

Mt. Gilead Church, located at 7638 Hwy 87, Elba, Ala., will host a Fun Day on Saturday, July 27th. There will be free food and fun for all! The event will be from 12 noon until 4 p.m. and is for children and adults.

Bring a towel!

Zoar Cemetery meeting set for July 27

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July

27, at 10 a.m. at Zoar Cemetery. A financial report will be given and project work outlined for 2019-2020.

Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Cavaliers quartet set to perform July 27th at Newbia Baptist Church

The Cavaliers Quartet will be in concert at Newbia Baptist Church, 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge to attend this concert, but a love offering will be taken. Refreshments will

be served following the concert.

Current group members are brothers Anthony and Wayne O'Neal, Ben Mullins and his nephew Jason Reese. The Cavaliers are regulars on many of the National Quartet Convention Showcases and events.

Homecoming planned for Sunday, Aug. 11, at Basin Baptist Church

Homecoming services for Basin Baptist Church, 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, will be

Sunday, Aug. 11, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The services will begin with a music hour at 9:45 a.m. featuring the Basin 4 Him Quartet, as well as, the Children's and Adult choirs. Dr. Sam Self, pastor, will deliver the Homecoming message during the 11 a.m. worship service.

A covered dish lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately following the morning service.

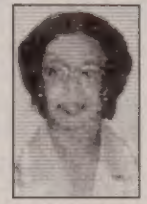
All are invited to attend.

Blood Drive set for Thursday, July 25, in Elba

The Elba Ministerial Association will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive today Thursday, July 25, on site at Elba Church of Christ, 715 N. Troy Hwy., Elba.

Blood donations will be taken from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and all who are able and willing to donate are encouraged to do so.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: God's Perfect Knowledge of Man [Psalm 139: 1-24]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

James Waters, Doris Hooks Flemings, Wesley J. Kelley, Mavis E. Kelley, Joe Rudolph, Betty Moore, Burks/Coleman Families, Dea. J.L. and Sister Estella Williams

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Frank Morris 7/18
Ella N. Kelley 7/18
Tracey Robinson 7/19
Terry C. Culver 7/19
Beverly Hamilton 7/19
Flora Marson 7/19
Lois Dawson Hamilton 7/19 (in memory)
Rell Smith 7/20
Melvin Cross 7/21
Kiki Oliver 7/21
Tim Andrews 7/22
Min. Randy Miller 7/22

** Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Glenwood, Ala., will have its Homecoming and Family and Friends Celebration on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.

The Homecoming Sermon will be presented by Pastor James Taylor and the St. John Baptist Church Family, Luverne, Ala.

** Homecoming Celebration for Bethel Baptist Church, of Louisville, Ala., will be Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Pastor A.R. Williams of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, along with the choir and ushers.

** Homecoming and Revival Services for Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance, Andalusia, Ala., is upcoming.

Homecoming will be this Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m. with guests Rev. Jerome Weldon and Grace Chapel Baptist Church. Lunch will be served after the morning service. Revival services will be Monday, June 29, through Friday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker for the revival will be Elder James Starks Jr., pastor of New Glorious COGIC, Elba.

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** Homecoming and Revival for Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, is upcoming.

Homecoming will be Sunday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. while Revival services will begin Sunday night at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, through Thursday, Aug. 15, revival services will be at 7 p.m. nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/25/19

Q: In the book of Psalm, which human need does the Psalmist use to compare with his longing for God? (hunger), (thirst) or (weariness)

A: The Psalmist uses the word thirst. [Read Psalm 42: 2]

Thought to Remember

Jesus died so that we might live.

Question for the Week of 8-1-19

True or False
Q: The principal thing in life is to get honor and respect?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Homecoming set for Sunday, Aug. 4, at Pleasant Shade MB Church in Enterprise

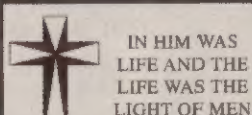
Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church, located at 1891 Damascus Road, Enterprise, Ala., will hold its Homecoming service Sunday, Aug. 4, with the Rev. Jerry Lucas, Associate Minister at Beth El Church, Enterprise, delivering the message at 2:30 p.m.

Pleasant Shade will hold Revival services August 5-7 at 7 p.m. each night. The Rev. E. Tramaine Solomon, senior pastor of the Springhill Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala., will be the Evangelist for the three services.

There will be special music each night.

Church News
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Monday
each week!

Church Directory



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LIFE AND THE
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ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Renuan, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Loreal Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

HOPE BAPT. CHURCH

Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE. 2580 Old Curtis Rd. Elba, Ala. (past old Kleinert's factory). Saturday, July 27, 2019. 7:00 A.M. - Until. Something for Everyone. 7/25-pd.

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FOR SALE 1998 28 X 64' double-wide manufactured home located on .73 acres in Kinston. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, family room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, central heat/air with back deck and side porch. \$58,000. Call 334 565-3983. 7/11-4t-pd.

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FAX

SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE ELBA CLIPPER

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of WILBUR O'NEAL DAVIS, SR., Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2019-056

NOTICE TO CREDITORS / NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr., Deceased, on the 3rd day of July, 2019, by the Hon. Steve Blair, Judge of Probate. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.
Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr.,
Executor of the Estate of Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Sr.,
Deceased
7/11,18&25-paid

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE B. AVANT Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)
CASE NO.: PC2019-051

NOTICE TO FILE

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CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the estate of Elaine B. Avant, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of July 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law of they will be barred.

/s/ Larry D. Jones
LARRY D. JONES
Administrator of said Estate
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK WADE WILSON, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.: PC-2019-049

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JACK WADE WILSON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of July, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Crystal L. Dugan
CRYSTAL L. DUGAN
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/18,25&8/1-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

JEFFERY LEON WHITE
Plaintiff,
vs.
LAKIN AMANDA WRIGHT
Defendant.

Domestic Relations Division
Civil Action#
DR-2011-000064.03

Judge SRC

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION
Lakin Amanda Wright,

whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Jeffery Leon White's Petition by September 7, 2019, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2011-000064.03, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama. Dated this the 10 day of July, 2019.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama

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7/18,25, 8/1&8/8-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SARA JO GREER, DECEASED.

CASE NO: PC-2019-060

NOTICE OF DAY SET FOR HEARING PROBATE OF WILL

TO:
Jay Foreman
10291 Herons Pointe
Lakeland, TN 38002

Leigh Trustie
10291 Herons Pointe
Lakeland, TN 38002

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 17th day of July, 2019, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Sara Jo Greer, deceased, was filed in my office for probate by Jimmy E. Campbell and that the 27th day of August 2019, at 9:00 A.M., at the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, has been set as the date and time to hear said Petition, at which time you may appear and contest the same if you see proper. **DONE** this 18th day of July, 2019.

/s/ STEVEN E. BLAIR
Judge of Probate
7/25, 8/1&8/8-pd.

PUBLIC RELEASE

Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Coffee County Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$2.25**. **Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.** Reduced price is **\$3.30** for breakfast and **\$4.40** for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from **Alabama SNAP**, the **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** or **Alabama TANF**, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
- When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation (or a household member's participation) in the: o Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.
- When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are:
Homeless,
Migrant,
Runaway,
A foster child, or
Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program (see: SP 40-2013: Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/qas-regarding-participation-head-start-programs-child-nutrition-programs-0>).

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2019-2020

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MILK				HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MILK			
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	PER WEEK		PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	PER WEEK
1	16,237	1,354	625	313	1	23,107	1,926	889	445
2	21,983	1,832	846	423	2	31,284	2,607	1,204	602
3	27,729	2,311	1,067	534	3	39,461	3,289	1,518	759
4	33,475	2,790	1,288	644	4	47,638	3,970	1,833	917
5	39,221	3,269	1,509	755	5	55,815	4,652	2,147	1,074
6	44,967	3,748	1,730	865	6	63,992	5,333	2,462	1,231
7	50,713	4,227	1,951	976	7	72,169	6,015	2,776	1,388
8	56,459	4,705	2,172	1,086	8	80,346	6,696	3,091	1,546
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER					FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER				
ADD	+5,746	+479	+221	+111	ADD	+8,177	+682	+315	+158

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or email your child's school.

3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: your child's school



SCHOOLS



Elba Elementary School

School Supply List for 2019-2020

**Pre-K Supply List**

In an effort to better accommodate parents of pre-k students, we are asking parents to send half of the supplies at orientation and the other half the end of January. We will send out reminders.

- 2 - Rolls of paper towels (2 in January)
- 2 - Canisters of disinfectant wipes (2 in January)
- 1 - Can of disinfectant spray (1 in January)
- 1 - Bottle of Germ-X (1 in January)
- 2 - Boxes of Kleenex (2 in January)
- 1 - Towel or blanket for rest time
- A complete change of clothing (Top/Bottom/Underwear/Socks)
- A regular size backpack - NOT the small or toddler size

Kindergarten Supply List

- 1 Binder (1 1/2 inch with clear front and back outside pocket)
- 1 pack of sheet protectors (50 count)
- 3 bottles of Elmer's Glue (No Gels, No Glue Sticks)
- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons - 8 count
- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons - 24 count
- 2 packs of pencils (No Designs)
- 1 pack of big pink erasers
- 1 pair of Fiskars Scissors
- 8 rolls of paper towels
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 3 containers of Lysol wipes
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 nylon pouch for crayons (No Supply Boxes)
- 10 black Expo dry erase markers (Low Odor)
- 1 pair of headphones (No Earbuds)
- Girls: Quart Ziploc Bags
- Boys: Gallon Ziploc Bags
- Send one change of clothes in a gallon Ziploc bag with your child's name on it (Shirts, pants, underwear, and socks)
- \$10.00 Kindergarten T-Shirt
- \$2.00 Weekly Folders
- *Label items with your child's name
- *No rolling backpacks or supply boxes
- *Optional - White/Colored Cardstock Paper

1st Grade Supply List

- Plastic supply box
- One 1-inch binder with clear front pocket
- 6 packs of #2 yellow wooden pencils (No mechanical)
- 1 pack of multi-colored construction paper
- 4 boxes of Crayola crayons - 24 count
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 pair of fiskar brand scissors - blunt
- 2 bottles of Elmer's glue
- 2 packs of jumbo pink erasers (No cap erasers)
- 5 single subject/wide ruled composition books
- 3 packs of black Expo dry erase markers
- 2 plastic folders with pockets (1 red/1 blue)
- Headphones (No earbuds)
- 5 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 pack of sheet protectors
- 2 bottles of Germ-X
- 6 rolls of paper towels
- 3 containers of Lysol wipes
- Boys: 1 box of Ziploc gallon bags
- Girls: 1 box of Ziploc quart bags
- Backpack (No Rolling)
- \$2.00 for Weekly Folder
- *Label items with your child's name
- *No rolling backpacks, mechanical pencils, earbuds, or cap erasers

2nd Grade Supply List

- 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons - 24 Count
- 1 - Pair of Fiskars Scissors
- 5 - Packs of yellow #2 pencils
- 2 - Packs of jumbo pink erasers
- 2 - Large glue sticks
- 1 - Four pack of highlighters

- 5 - One-subject composition notebooks
- 4 - Plastic folders with pockets (1 red/1 blue/1 green/1 purple)
- 1 - 1 1/2 inch binder with clear front pocket
- 1 - Pack of sheet protectors
- 1 - Pencil pouch
- 4 - Rolls of paper towels
- 4 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Bottle of Germ-X
- 3 - Containers of Lysol Wipes
- 2 - Packs of black EXPO dry-erase markers Girls- 1 Box
- Ziploc quart size bags
- Boys - 1 box Ziploc gallon size bags Earbuds or headphones
- Backpack
- \$2.00 for Weekly Folder
- *No rolling backpacks, hand-held pencil sharpeners, trapper keepers, or permanent makers
- *Label items with your child's name

3rd and 4th Grade Supply List

- One 3-ring binder (2 or 3 inch) or Trapper Keeper
- 2 spiral notebooks (one 5-subject, one 1-subject)
- 8 PLASTIC folders, with holes to fit in binder
 - 1 blue, with pockets AND prongs
 - 1 red and 1 blue with pockets
 - 5 with pockets, any color
- 3 packs of wide ruled paper
- 1 pack of mechanical pencils
- 2 boxes 24 count Crayola crayons or colored pencils
- 3 glue sticks
- 4 jumbo pink erasers
- 1 pack of lined index cards (small)
- 1 pair of earbuds
- 1 pack sheet protectors
- 1 pack Post-it notes
- 6 rolls of paper towels
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 bottle of Germ-X
- 1 bottle of hand soap
- 3 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of Ziploc bags (boys bring gallon-size, girls bring quart-size)
- 1 zippered pencil pouch with 3 holes to fit in binder (no boxes)
- 4 bound (NOT SPIRAL) composition notebooks: 2 blue, 3 any color
- 1 package of black Expo markers
- 1 pack of four different colored highlighters
- 5 packs of regular pencils (Ticonderoga Pencils LAST)
- \$2.00 for Weekly Folder
- *Label items with your child's name
- *No rolling backpacks or hand-held pencil sharpeners

5th and 6th Grade Supply List

- 1 - 2" - 3 ring notebook
- 7 - spiral one-subject notebooks
- 4 packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 basic calculator
- 1 - 4 Pack BLACK EXPO Markers (low odor)
- 3 packs of pencils
- 2 packs of erasers
- 1 pack of reinforcement rings
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 pair of headphones (No earbuds)
- 2 bottles of Germ-X
- 1 box quart Ziploc bags
- 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
- 4 rolls of paper towels
- 4 boxes of Kleenex
- 4 containers of Clorox Wipes
- 2 packs of colored pencils or crayons
- 6 LARGE glue sticks
- \$2.00 for Weekly Folder
- *Label items with your child's name
- *No rolling backpacks or earbuds



Amelia Rhoades of Kinston is shown with her AHSVCA Hall of Fame plaque she recently received.

Legendary volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades inducted into AHSVCA Hall of Fame

When one thinks of girl's high school volleyball in the local area, immediately the name Amelia Rhoades comes to mind.

Rhoades is a graduate of Kinston High School and Troy State University.

During her 32-year coaching career, Rhoades was a pioneer for girl's athletics in Southeast Alabama at both Kinston and Elba. She brought volleyball to prominence during her 27 years at Kinston where her team won a state championship in 1997 and she earned state coach of the year honors.

Rhoades' teams were runner-up five times and she coached in the all-star game. She also coached softball for 22 years, basketball for 12 years, and served as Kinston athletic director for nine years.

Career numbers like that make it clear as to why Rhoades was announced as a member of the inaugural Alabama High School Volleyball Coaches Association's (AHSVCA) Hall of Fame class.

Rhoades, and the other

honorees, were recognized during a special ceremony held this month in Montgomery, Ala. Other inductees include: Sherry Ammons, Gloria Birmingham, Susan Cook, Ida Corbett, Becky Dickinson, Rose Fiorella, Sandra Hunter, Noona Kennard, Louise Marbut, Connie McGuire, and Glenda Wright.

"Our Association is thrilled to recognize this inaugural class of outstanding coaches who were instrumental in putting Alabama volleyball on the map," said Amy Patterson, President of the AHSVCA. "These women have impacted countless lives and their communities in their roles as leaders and mentors. Volleyball would not be where it is today in our state without their contributions."

This inaugural class sets the stage for recognizing the excellence and accomplishments of coaches, educators, and contributors that have contributed to the advancement of the sport of volleyball in the state of Alabama, Patterson added.

Coffee County Schools announce Title I meetings for each school

Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel Schools invite all parents to attend their annual school-wide Title I meetings Monday, Aug. 5, 2019.

Parents will gather in a general assembly to participate in a Title I presentation. The Title I program for parents is designed to: 1) inform parents about Title I regulations, 2) involve parents in local Title I decisions, 3) information on raising student achievement and 4) encourage active participation in their children's school and education.

School officials encourage all parents to join them for this informative meeting.

Meeting times are: Kinston at 5:15 p.m.; New Brockton Elementary at 6 p.m.; New Brockton High School at 4:45 and 6 p.m.; and Zion Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

For those who have any questions, call the child's school.

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LBWCC offers medical coding training course

LBW Community College in Opp is offering a 15-week, non-credit Medical Coding study course beginning in August.

This class will be held in room 103 in the Health Sciences Building. The

course is available for those who wish to focus strictly on preparing for the national certification exam to become a certified professional coder (CPC).

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,

jobs for certified professional coders will increase 22 percent through the year 2022. This is a great opportunity to obtain training locally to meet the industry demand.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 20 - Dec. 10, 2019, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Registration is now underway. For more information or to register for the 15-week study course, contact Noelle Worley at 334-881-2231 or email at nworley@lbwcc.edu.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday,
July 25th
11 am - 4 pm
Elba Church of Christ

Coffee County School System announces "Child Find" efforts for those with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

Parents of children with disabilities or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contacts include:
Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, 334-897-5016

Kelly Cobb, Federal Programs Coordinator, 334-897-5016

Danny Branch, Principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016

Jason Hadden, Principal, New Brockton Elementary,

334-894-6152
Alonzo Barkley, Principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350
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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Lawson and his Mom went school shopping last week and from the look of the bags piled in their living room must have found everything on the long list for third graders. He found a back bag on line and it should arrive this week. So, I guess the next step will be school clothes as the opening day of school gets nearer and nearer. Remember back years ago when the schools provided the basics?

For what it is worth....

*** **The coaching carousel in Coffee County** and the area continued to spin after last season and when the new season kicks off there will be two new head coaches leading the way at area schools. Former Elba and Luverne assistant Rudy Free has taken over the reins at Kinston and is anxious to prove he can lead a program after a not so successful three-year stop at Arifton, while former Enterprise assistant Zack Holmes has taken over the helm at New Brockton and will be back in charge after a stop early in his career at Sumiton Christian. While there are two new head coaches in the area, the coaches at the other area schools are all kind of rookies at their schools, with Zion Chapel's Randy Bryant being the coach with the longest tenure as he enters only his third year with the Rebels. Elba's Pate Harrison and Brantley's Roland Jones, Jr., will both be in their second seasons in leading their programs, which means the area coaching ranks are still filled with new faces.

*** **Enterprise has filled its football coaching staff** and among the latest hires is former Elba Tiger standout Harry Griffin. Griffin was a former all-state offensive lineman at Elba and with the Wildcats will coach the defensive line. He played college football at the College of St. Scholastica, in Minnesota, and was a three-year starter, and remained there as a graduate assistant for one season before heading back south and accepting the post at Enterprise. With Griffin now at Enterprise and Demetrio Tyson at Opp, Elba grads are beginning to fill the ranks on coaching staffs in the area.

*** **Former Brantley and Auburn basketball standout Chuck Person** avoided prison time last week at his sentencing hearing for a bribery conspiracy charge after being implicated in the infamous college basketball recruiting scandal in the fall of 2017. Person was given a sentence of 200 hours of community service and two years probation in the trial, as the presiding judge stated that "no purpose would be served by the incarceration" of Person. Person accepted \$91,500 in bribery money during his stint at Auburn as an assistant coach to use his personal relationships to steer players he had influence on. He was one of four assistant coaches to be implicated by federal authorities in the scandal with two of the coaches receiving prison time.

*** **The SEC held its annual 'Media Days'** last week in Birmingham and while the preseason expectations of the sportswriters on hand mean little, they did vote on how they feel the conference will shape up this coming season in football, and on top once again was the Alabama Crimson Tide. The Tide was picked to win the Western division ahead of LSU and Texas A & M, with Auburn picked fourth in the division. Over in the eastern division, Georgia was again picked to lead the way, followed in order by Florida, Missouri and South Carolina. I agree with the top three in the west, but feel the sports gurus were a little kind to Missouri and got carried away with the Tigers new transfer quarterback. Alabama received 203 votes as the team to win the conference title, with Georgia the second pick, followed by LSU. The media days were fun to watch and the coaches were fun to listen to, but the only thing that counts is the scoreboard after the games are over, and that is why all SEC fans can't wait for the season to begin.

*** **The Troy Trojans have been picked** to finish second in the Sun Belt 'East' in a vote of the conference's head coaches, and while the Trojans are coming off their third straight 10-win season and posted a 7-1 league record a year ago, defending champion Appalachia State received 7 of the 10 first place votes is picked to repeat as conference champs. Louisiana was picked to win the 'West' despite last season's 5-3 league record. Three of Troy's four conference home games will be against teams picked to finish in the top three in their divisions - Appalachia State, Georgia State and Arkansas State, with the lone exception being cross-state rival South Alabama. Looks like some great home

games for the Trojan fans in 2019.

*** **I got a chance to check out the SEC football schedules last week** during the 'Media Day' broadcasts, and discovered some very interesting early-season games on tap for the conference teams. Alabama will kickoff against Duke in the Kickoff Classic, in Atlanta, while Arkansas will tangle with Ole Miss in week two, Auburn will open the season in Texas against highly-touted Oregon, Florida will kick off the season on Aug. 24 in Orlando against in-state rival Miami, LSU will be on the road at Texas in week two action, Missouri will meet West Virginia in a week two showdown, South Carolina will open up in Charlotte against North Carolina, Tennessee hosts BYU in a week two clash, Vanderbilt opens with Georgia and Purdue, and Texas A & M will head to Clemson in a week two battle. It may be time to change the batteries in the remote!

*** **The high school football season will kickoff in a matter of weeks and many teams** will begin the season riding streaks. UMS-Wright will carry a 19-game winning streak into the season opener, Barbour County will carry a dubious 50-game losing streak into the season, Fyffe will carry a 38-game regular season winning streak into the

campaign, and Luverne will be looking to add to its streak of making the playoffs 36 straight years. There were also a large number of coaching changes in the area, with Desmond Lett taking over at Daleville, Smitty Grider becoming the head man at the 'new' Dothan High, Rick Darlington taking the reins at Enterprise, Toby Greene assuming the head job at Florala, and Joel Williams grabbing the reins at Straughn. The most interesting new hire is at Enterprise where the Wildcats brought in a 'big name' and very expensive head coach from Florida in an attempt to revive the once proud program. Bill Bacon posted a 210-85-1 record from 1974-2005 as the head coach over at Enterprise, but since those glory days the 'Cats have gone through four head coaches that posted a combined record of 106-89.

*** **In closing.... the Zion Chapel Dixie Angels softball team will carry the banner of 'Alabama State Champs'** to Louisiana this weekend to compete in the World Series, and I'm sure a lot of fans will travel with the team as they make history. It has been an historic summer for the youth teams from Zion Chapel, and hopefully the girls will continue to add to that history at the World Series.

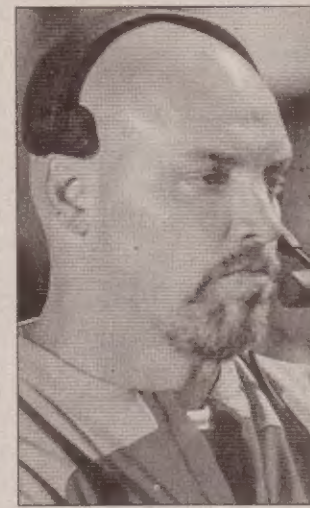
Good Luck Dixie Angels!



ALABAMA STATE CHAMPION ZION CHAPEL DIXIE ANGELS.... will travel to Louisiana this weekend to compete in the 2019 Dixie Softball World Series. The seven-team tournament will be played at the Johnny Downs Recreation Complex, in Alexandria, Louisiana, and the Alabama champs will compete with teams from Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and the host team from Alexandria. Alabama will open play on Saturday at 10:30 A.M. against Georgia, and will play again on Sunday at 10:30 with a win, or on Sunday at 5:30 with an opening round loss. The team is coached by Chris Hodge and David Jordan, and team members include ML Bragg, Aubrey Bassett, Caroline Jordan, Gracie Paramore, Hannah Herbert, Lauren Sanders, Cailyn Sanders, Paytlynn Davis, Jenna Boley, Isabel Kelley, Annslea Taylor and Madeson Cape.



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Two new head coaches are ready to take command at area schools for '19 season

When the 2019 high school football seasons kicks off in just a matter of weeks two of the schools in the area will be under the direction of new head coaches, while Zion Chapel's Randy Bryant will be the 'dean of area coaches' after only three years at the Rebel helm.

The Elba Tigers will be under the direction of head coach Pate Harrison for the second straight season and will be looking to improve on last season's 8-3 record. Harrison came to Elba after six successful years at Dale County, where he posted a 54-27 slate, and last season at Elba led the Tigers to a 6-1 region record. The Tigers averaged 36.4 points per game and allowed 19.5 points per outing.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be under the direction of head coach Randy Bryant for the third straight season and look to continue their trek back toward the ranks of winning teams. The Rebels posted a 5-5 record last season, after going 2-8 in Bryant's initial season at the helm, and more than doubled the team's offensive output as the Rebels averaged 22 points per game, while the defense cut points allowed by over a touchdown per contest.

The Brantley Bulldogs will be back under the leadership of head coach Roland Jones, Jr., for the season straight season, and will be looking to step back into the elite in the region after posting a 7-4 slate in his initial season at the helm. Jones coached at Crenshaw Christian Academy for 10 seasons and posted an 83-30 record, moving his career totals to 90-34. A former player and assistant coach at Brantley, Jones is known as an offensive-minded coach, and over 124 games as a head coach his teams have averaged 31-5 points per game.

The Kinston Bulldogs made a coaching change after the end of the season and brought in new head coach Rudy Free. Free spent three seasons as the head coach at Arifton and led the Purple Cats to a 7-23 record over three seasons, but has been ultra successful at Elba, Geneva and Luverne as an assistant coach and looks to prove himself as a head coach after the rebuilding process at Arifton failed to produce a winning season.

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be under the direction of new head coach Zack Holmes, a former assistant at Enterprise, who will be making a return to the head coaching ranks after a two-year stint at Sumiton Christian early in his career, where his teams posted a 6-13 record. Holmes will bring a total of 14 years of coaching experience to the job, including one year at Huntingdon College, three years at Eufaula and the past season at Enterprise.

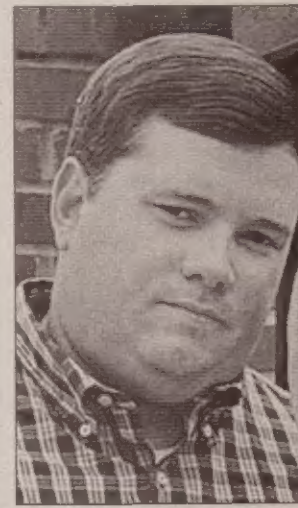
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Marching Tiger Band tuning up for new season with band camp

by Jack West, Intern

The ever-encroaching start of the school year means that all kinds of high school extracurriculars are starting up—or in this case, tuning up.

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band has started its summer band camp for the upcoming 2019 season. The band members rehearse their music indoors in the afternoon and then have marching practice outside once the sun goes down. Returning band director Shaun Hammonds said that even though the band has a lot of young members this year, there is still a strong group of senior leaders.

"This is a really, really young group," Hammonds said. "We've got a lot of great seniors, we've got a big group of seniors that we're going to lose, and they're going to be a huge loss."

The nearly 20 seniors make up roughly one-fifth of the band this year, and many of them, like Miresa Harbuck, are section leaders.

Harbuck is the flutes and clarinets section leader and has been in marching band since ninth grade. She said she considered joining two years earlier but hesitated. However, since joining four years ago, Harbuck said she's glad she finally made the right decision.

"You never really get tired of it," Harbuck said.

Another senior, Elizabeth Woodham, is the band's drum major. Woodham has been in band since the fifth grade, and this will be her second year as the band's drum major.

"I love it," Woodham said. "I just love doing it because it feels like you're doing something worthwhile."

According to Woodham and Harbuck, the band has changed a lot in the years since they started marching. Harbuck said the band has grown in the last few years, and Woodham said the change was mostly due to Hammonds returning to the high school in 2016 and that graduating seniors are replaced with new seventh graders every year.

"We've definitely gotten better since Hammonds got here, and we always have new talent coming in every year," Woodham said.

Hakeem Scott, an incoming seventh grader, is some of the new talent that Woodham was talking about. Scott played mellophone in fifth grade but has not played it much since then.

He picked it back up this year because he heard about how much fun band was.

"You get to go on fun trips, and you get to have fun with your friends," Scott said. "If you're just at home, there's nothing to do."

Hammonds said these students, the ones who are young, new and excited, are the best ones to watch.

"It's always fun every year when you come in here and you start from the top—you start from the beginning," he said. "It's kind of fun seeing them grow, seeing them go from being rough on the field the first couple days of band camp to that finished product in October."

Overall, this will be Hammonds' tenth year as the director of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band and his fourth since his return to the school in 2016. The band itself is entering its 77th year, and Hammonds said that its long tradition is a major part of the band's success.

"This town has a proud, rich history," he said. "The community loves the band. They love the school, and the band is a huge part as well as the athletics."

Both Hammonds and the students are looking forward to competing later in the year and performing at Universal Studios in Orlando.



The Elba Marching Tiger Band hard at work Monday night, July 22, at the start of "Week Two" of Band Camp!



Senior Elizabeth Woodham is looking forward to her second year as the band's drum major.



The tubas are always a fun part of the Marching Tiger Band's shows each season!



This trumpet player stands at attention during practice Monday night on the Elba Schools campus.



A silhouette of band director Shaun Hammonds shows him hard at work Monday night during the evening session of "Week Two" of Band Camp while the photo underneath shows the new Elba Marching Tiger Band uniforms all hung and ready to be showcased this season during the 2019 marching season. Students are excited to have new uniforms this year.

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be able to show some movies with lesser equipment. We'll have the ability to do concerts and host events in the space."

Later phases include upgrades and restoring the theatre to a place that Elba can be proud to show off.

"The other phases are going to get this really more to what we want to see," Maddox said. "We'll have the marquee in phase two. We'll do some work under the stage for a green room in phase two. Phase three will be a lot of audio equipment and bringing in the screen and doing some theatrical lighting—a lot of finishing touches."

Even those finishing touches will be expensive according to planning documents provided by Restoration 154 board member Philip Box.

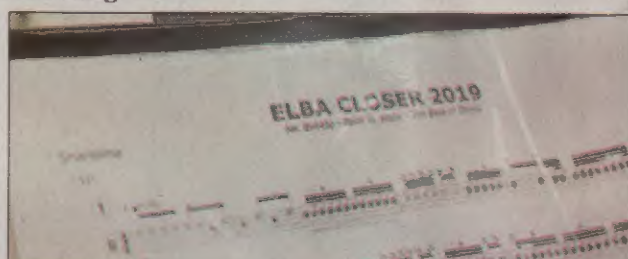
"This is pricey stuff, and it's going to be a lot of work to get funding to do all of this," Maddox said. "We do think now that we've got so many partnerships with so many great organizations across Alabama, and one in particular in Georgia, that we will be able to find funding."



Hakeem Scott and Dominic Griffin working hard during the marching basics warm-up.



Auxiliary band members also were hard at work Monday night as the band prepares for the 2019 marching season.



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